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SUBJECT: NPG - NATO PRESS OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE AND DRAFT
ADVANCE PRESS RELEASE

1. WE ARE ANTICIPATING CONSIDERABLE US PRESS INTEREST IN
FORTHCOMING NPG MEETING AT MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA; THEREFORE
WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT NATO PROVIDE ADEQUATE
INTERNATIONAL STAFF PRESS SUPPORT. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS
INCLUDE SPOKESMEN TO BRIEF NEWSMEN EITHER SUNDAY AFTERNOON,
JUNE 15, PRIOR TO CONFERENCE OR MONDAY MORNING, JUNE 16,
AFTER FORMAL OPENING OF CONFERENCE, AND A FINAL BRIEFING
TO EXPLAIN COMMUNIQUE ON TUESDAY. SPOKESMEN SHOULD ALSO
BE AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS BROAD NATO ISSUES WITH
NEWSMEN ON INDIVIDUAL BASIS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING. WE
BELIEVE NATO STORY CAN BE MOST EFFECTIVELY PRESENTED IF
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SPOKESMEN REPRESENTING NATO AS A WHOLE -- INSTEAD OF USG

ONLY -- WERE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PRESS RELATIONS.

2. YOU SHOULD MAKE PRESENTATION ALONG FOREGOING LINES AND
ADVISE SOONEST WHETHER NATO PRESS OFFICE WILL BE ABLE TO
PROVIDE SPOKESMEN AND, IF SO, HOW MANY.

3. DRAFT PRESS RELEASE REPORTED IN PARA 3 OF USNATO 2767
IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE US. INGERSOLL

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